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6/21/17

Cove Fish IDT kickoff mtg

Cheryl - Intro

"Increasing pace + scale of resto" = 1st goal in strategic plan

FST 1909.15 ≠ how we really do NEPA

- Litigation → risk averse

- Issues - stakeholders have been trained to expect more than laws, regs, ek. require

RLT discussion re "Streamlined NEPA" → asked for Forests to volunteer to be in pilot program.

- NpClw is the pilot project for a complex, likely-to-be-litigated project. Lots of challenges + lots of opportunities.

- Wanted to focus on fuels reduction + fuels mgt around communities → looked @ Whitefish + added Cove Cr company because land exchg is dead.

- Good social capacity for active mgt
- Clean, compelling P/N

- Close to GUL - accessible for IDT

- SZ has large share of POF for lg projects - moving away from TZ. NZ will come in next.

- Considered experience, workload, proximity, skillsets → current IDT.

- Some discussions w/sups have already happened

- Things will be done differently. Eg - no big landscape assessment, use data layers in RAs rather than lengthy data collection. Use remote sensing. NEPA - stick to basics. Deliberate, clear P/N, issues. Other stuff is just disclosure & we normally disclose too much.

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Jeff S

Dan H.

GML

Karen S

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Berry R

Jeremy H.

Mike G

Steve A.

Crystal D

Stephanie B.

Cheryl P.

Kurt S.

Scott G.

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- Need to look @ project in a new way. Focus on stuff that will make a better decn on the ground - cause/effect relationships - use of technology (MTDC + partners) -
 - Eg use monitoring in fx analyses, rather than ^{extensive} models, literature extrapolation, etc.
- GMR (Adaptive Mgt relative to fire). Rather than abandon project midway switch to salvage if a fire - start out w/ assumptions that fire will occur + construct if/then mgt
- Need to get to where we do more on the ground, make better decns. Want to get out of 10-year analogis cycles (eg) → efficiencies in how we do business + how we function as a team.
 - Schedule blocks of time for (eg) - joint field time, write reports (ie focus instead of swapping between projects)
 - timeline will be critical - IDT needs to think about how to operate most efficiently
- Handouts - lots of emphasis w/ agency in recent years re increasing efficiency. LeAnn isn't happy w/ progress - willing to do pilot projects.
- RD is a part of it. Not happy w/ "review" mode. Pilots may lead to improved interaction between RD + Forests.

? Whitefish project

- Jeff - were planning to work on it in FY17 - stand exams, goshawk surveys were scheduled for this year.
- Cheryl - Cove part was peeled off for UCE

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same nature as life - not
just a job, but the development
that leads

- Cheryl - acknowledge some things will need to come off the plate as timeline is developed
- Kurt - expect some stuff will come off the plate. But realize this project will be developed differently
- ? Efficiencies - punishment for those on the team who are efficient? Perception on SZ - everyone gets paid the same, so why are more efficient people being punished. Doesn't want to be a "slack ass" :-)

Cheryl - possible GNA for Botany field work

- ? SZ team members not here - need transition
- ? - Katie Van Alstyne - need opening mtg w/ RO, plan same day w/ entire SZ team -
 - Cheryl will talk to Julie S. tomorrow
- New fish bio Dan - ?
- ? Contract hydro? Drea - already knows Negosed
 - Karen - only NE FL whitebird has potential issues
- IFG has drone - Mark Brinkmeyer - IFG owner
 - IPNF has data/info to share - eg LiDAR - other remote sensing tools
- Authority - for Sup signature, due to likely output
 - Could result in recommendation that Cheryl delegate to Jeff. Would mean objection review at Forest level! - Possible efficiency.
 - Jeff is lead officer for project mgmt - PIL, sideboards, etc

SBar - still no resolution w/ FOC.
Cheryl will set this Fri as final
due date.

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- Cheryl - IDTs often waste a lot of time on decks that are actually the line officer's deck. Push those up to Jeff as soon as they surface.

* Ask Timony P.

- Cheryl - Amendments - maybe? Possible new question coming to make it easier

- BMPs
- Mitigation Measures

- For Sup interprets FP. We have a long history (30 years) of interpreting FP in a way Cheryl doesn't see language in FP - Eg Soils/DSD, snags

Dixie - amending FP standards for elk would need Tribe staff support

Standard BMP pick list - need line officer involvement or adjusting PA or adding act

(decisions)

- Level 1+2 mtg - standard pick list presented - they were very receptive - difficult to make project A's late in process if consultation brings in different BMP / design criteria.
- Programmatic for CAA as well as NCAA
- possible veg programmatic this fall - NURS

HERA vs Farm Bill -

- Project fits w/ expanded area - could use either
- Two authorities are very similar - no mount requirement for EA (Farm Bill)
- Collaboration began yesterday w/ county commiss. Cheryl - go to city too. Just - PN flexibility too. Cheryl - entire Forest outside of Roadless, wild, etc is w/ priority landscape
- Farm Bill - only need 1 action act. Possible to design collab. plan so the prop action is the collab. act.
- Cheryl - ok to design a project-specific collab. process
- Must to do robust job on "no action act" whether we do a true NA act or not
- Work w/ Dixie Constock - learning opps

Data Collection -

- Cheryl - prefer no data collection - maybe go as a group - we probably collect more than she needs to make a decision - wants sideboards to data collection - Note Salvage - Green Team
- Need standard protocol based on resource issue. Best way to collect? Risk Aversion
- Tied to level of uncertainty - Decision maker makes the call
 - Need discussion - Cheryl, Kent, and Jeff need to coord.
- Don't need stand exams across entire area. Jeff - Some were already under contract.

? Reasons for anticipated litigation? Just - frequent litigators

Cheryl - use templates for efficiency (eg BABE, etc) - possible to help w/ sharing. Share template regionally, canned responses etc.

Data: LiDAR? Don't have it (need to fly Dixie)

Kurt - calibrate stand exams / basal area - w/ LiDAR?

Karen - LiDAR to revamp stream layers

- also road layers
- "stream densified layers" on Neg side

- Need GIS, Engineering, visuals? (IPWF maybe)

- Kurt - preburnt stand exams → prescriptions. Not quite so sit. specific - possible Target stands - Did that get done?

- Also stand. soils mitigations

- Cheryl - Need M+Eval reports - FP - would help demonstrate effectiveness of FP stands

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Cheryl: site-specific ± 100% accurate on every acre

- Need to finalize PIL soon

? Stephanie - "End of the World" - maybe a TS, not project
- Rename project Fish Cove
- Jeff - Do it "project name = "End of the World""

X Break X

1D FG, Army mtg

RO meeting in July - days 7/17-18

7/18 = IDT

7/19-21 = FUT 7/19-20

7/24 = RO opening mtg + 1DT transition

Cheryl - have P/N, prop action firm up for 7/24 mtg

- NFMA: exist cond - Desired Cond from PP = P/N

- RAS: layers are input re: diag direction = departure
from a condition (historic or desired)

Cheryl:
use RAS
- weighting system in RAS indicates which
resources are higher priority

- use data layers to develop PN + prop
action

- collab process - start w/ discussion of existing
desired cond.

- Jeff also pln from Farm Bill

? SZ - weekly 1DT mtgs - Now 3rd, NIST, etc - too
many meetings? Possibly unnecessary

Cheryl - possible need to "block out" a specific
block of time for 1DT to work on specific part
of analysis (doesn't want to pay "requests")

- Team Mtg very import

- Cheryl, Kurt, Jeff will ^{resolve} manage conflicting process

- Kurt - monthly calls would probably be adequate

- Lay out schedule / date etc as early as possible

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- Cheryl - create a realistic timeline & hit those date.

? When will units be available - field season now -
Cheryl - assume PW = fuels reduction, use RAS to
find departure areas - prior to RO intro mtg

? Stephanie B - could get unit on a map w/ a week,
vs purely collaboratively - developed PA.

- Cheryl - identify action areas for collab, task in
terms of outcomes - eg "remove forested veg".
Different tools will affect resources differently.

- Jeff - coarse filter → "focal areas," not "units"

- Cheryl - RHEAs are part of the unit - Eg Snags, DSD,
old growth. Do not include access roads
outside of unit

? Stephanie - when should Barry & she have focal
areas on a map? Barry - Need a better map
of analysis areas

* - Circles on a map by 6/30 (assuming Dixn/
analysis areas can be discussed first)

Barry - wants to fly project area in the other - he
will check availability